You Never Can Tell By Maurice Ketten

The Mystery Romance of A Sealed Box and a Strange Heritage

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SYNOPRIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

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ishment, he had permitted Bergstrom then—you will know what the last
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Hastings—or, to give him his proper name, Arnold Forbes—dropped the letter, his face suddenly old and gray. So Bergstrom had not been drunk! Rather, he had been true to his character, sure of every fact hefore making a move. That conversation in the subway took on a sinister significance. Bergstrom had mentioned the gruesome discovery in the Chicago cellar merely as a means of bringing the conversation round to that city he had known then the other's true name and all about his past. He had been baiting him for his own amusement, gloating over the mine he would spring eventually. Forbes also recalled Bergstrom's request for a private interview. No doubt, the other had intended originally to charge him with the facts; but, learning of the Marslands' party, malice had suggested a more appropriate method.

frighten me nor hide the truth any longer. I'm making no snapshot statements; your birth record's in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and I knew your father personally. I can easily prove you the son of Robert Forbes. And his theft is so well known that you've only to look up the back files of any paper. There's no getting round the fact of your father being a thief'—

Hastings's fist lashed out suddenly, and, blotting the smile from the other's eyes, sent him crashing over the table, scattering dishes right and left with terrifying din.

Of what happened subsequently Hastings had no very clear idea; the last shred of self control had vanished, the wine was singing in his head, he was fighting mad, and neither saw nor heard. His one idea was to get hold of Adolph Bergstrom and kill him; all his latent dislike for the other, long smouldering, had broken out in this violent eruption. He had a hazy recollection of Marsland suddenly taking hold of the situation which, through evident astonishment, he had permitted Bergstrom them—you will know what the last them—you will know what the last them—you will know what the last them—you will know what the last

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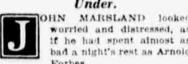
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and obviously on the arrival of her nothing about it. I came here, after niece. Nor did Dorothy come rushing an interview with your father, to tell downstairs with gay impetuesity and a great flutter of silks. The house and to offer you your release. All was dead and silent like a tomb, fit this, however, you have saved me."

Some hint of what all this meant to him, of all he was going through, and emotions.

At length, after a due decorous interval, the door opened, and Dorothy entered, looking more beautiful and winsome than ever. Forbes started up, then halted as he met those honest blue eyes, calm and serene as a summer morning. Hitherto he had experienced for him, caused a tear honest blue eyes, calm and serene as a summer morning. Hitherto he had never noticed aftern capable of such shallow brightness. It struck him also that Marsland had been quite right in saying Dorothy was her own mistress of herself, but of the situation, entirely composed and collected.

"That hoped, Mr. Forbes," she said composedly, with neither coldness nor warmth, "you wouldn't consider it necessary to come here for discussing the matter is only a waste of time. I see you have my letter."

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He stared at her; this girl who looked him so coolly and deliberately in the eye was she who, twenty-four hours ago, had been voicing all the dear intimacies that only sweethearts can utter and understand. It seemed as if he really never had known her; she appeared immeasurably older, more experienced than himself.

"You—you can't mean you intend breaking the engagement simply because of what happened last night!" he biurted out.

"That is precisely what I do mean." she replied dispassionately. "You are not the man I thought you. I would not trust my happiness, my future to the remembered he had not spoken. He remembered he had not spoken.

not the man I thought you. I would not trust my happiness, my future to a man who possessed a temper hat leads inevitably to violence and even crime. A man who could so far forget himself and the respect due his host and flancee as you have done is not the sort of man I cars to marry."

He had become very caim, very pale, very steady of hand and eye. "You don't know what passed last night between Mr. Hergstrom and myself, and yet you have prejudged me?"

"I don't know what happened, but crying. Forbes passed on into the office. He remembered he had not spoken to Marsland about Miss Willoughby's vacation. How much had happened since the previous night when he had thought himself nearing the topmost rung of the ladder of success! Now the ladder seemed to have been kicked from under him.

"Well?" said Marsland, glancing up from his deak. His face, as revealed in the arc of the green-shaded light hanging overhead, looked cold and expressionless.

"Miss Marsland has broken the

myself, and yet you have prejuged me?"

"I don't know what happened, but that has nothing to do with it. It's enough for me to know you almost committed murder, conducted yourself here in my father's house as if you were a rowdy in a barroom. Nothing can condone that! There can be no excuse."

"In other words, you never loved me."

She shrugged her exquisits shoulders. "If you mean I never loved you afraid so. I'm sorry, Forbes, but I rather expected this. I told you wom-